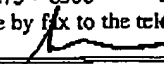


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**RESPONSE TO FIRST, NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**  
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Sir:

**Section 1, Introduction:**

This is Applicants' response to the first, non-final Office Action dated Oct 26, 2005, due on January 26, 2006. Since this response is filed within the 3-month period, and no new claims are added, no fee is due. However, in the unlikely event this is incorrect, please charge any fees due to Deposit Account 04-1699, and identify any transaction with Docket No. 7216-001 US to facilitate tracking.

Claims 1 - 17 are in this case. Claim 17 is amended herewith to be dependant from claim 3. This renders moot the Restriction Requirement, and Applicant requests claim 17 be rejoined in this application.

**Request for Telephone Interview:**

Applicant requests the courtesy of a Telephone Interview to discuss the references and the claims pending in the case. The Examiner is invited to contact undersigned Counsel at 360 - 681 - 7305 to arrange a mutually convenient time when the Examiner reaches this case for review.

**End of Section 1, Introduction.**